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OPERATING FEES RETURNED TO PUBLIC USE AIRPORTS
MORE THAN \$205,000 DISTRIBUTED TO 26 NH AIRPORTS

The New Hampshire Department Transportation's Division of Aeronautics announces more than \$205,000 of the aircraft operating fees collected in the past year have been returned to public use airports in the state.

Under New Hampshire law, an operating fee is collected on most aircraft registered in the state. This fee is collected in lieu of a property tax. Each year, a portion of these fees is returned to the state's public use airports based upon where the aircraft are located. In Fiscal Year 2002, 26 airports were eligible for these funds

Operating fees are collected based upon the number and types of aircraft at an airport. The Manchester, Pease, Laconia, and Boire Field (Nashua) airports were the primary beneficiaries. This was the third consecutive year that has seen an increase in the amount of funds returned. The airports receiving these funds must use them for aeronautical purposes.

Funds were disbursed in the amounts shown to the following airports:

Berlin Municipal	\$1,805.52	Boire Field (Nashua)	\$57,879.78
Claremont Municipal	\$869.09	Colebrook	\$716.94
Concord Municipal	\$1,476.04	Dean Memorial (N. Haverhill)	\$1,073.28
Dillant-Hopkins (Keene)	\$4,500.42	Errol	\$724.44
Foss Heliport (Hampton)	\$749.14	Franconia	\$727.94
Gorham	\$759.69	Hampton	\$4,903.33
Twin Mountain	\$735.13	Jaffrey	\$1,023.80
Laconia Municipal	\$10,995.40	Lakes Region (Wolfeboro)	\$906.73
Lebanon Municipal	\$5,469.00	Manchester	\$26,795.80
Moultonborough	\$890.57	Mt. Washington (Whitefield)	\$826.07
Newfound Valley	\$727.32	Parlin Field (Newport)	\$1,684.55
Pease Intl Tradeport	\$76,031.25	Plymouth	\$771.82
Hawthorne-Feather (West Deering)	\$833.93	Skyhaven (Rochester)	\$1,432.88